age of production of the Public Sector Undertakings in the Gross Domestic Production has not been satisfactory;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether Government have fixed any targets to increase the above percentage during the remaining two years of the Tenth Five Year Plan, and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) The value of production at current prices in the Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) as on 31.3.2003, till which period the information is available, as percentage to GDP during the first two years of the Tenth Five Year Plan was 21.28% and 22.58% respectively.

(c) No specific percentage of contribution of CPSEs in GDP has been fixed.

Unshackling of PSUs from Government Control

3264. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister had made a statement that Government would take steps to bolster the PSUs and provide modernized technology to the farmers who will in turn, provide a fast track to the economic development;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to unshackle the PSUs from Government controls with a view to providing them a free hand to operate independently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) The Government is committed to a strong and effective public sector. It is pledged to devolve full managerial and commercial autonomy to successful, profit making companies operating in a competitive environment. Expert bodies constituted to advise the Government on the subject have made recommendations which are under consideration.